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Coordination Center



Morning Highlights

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This report will not be updated again until Monday, June 15, unless fire activity increases over the weekend. For information about individual fires, see the AICC Situation Report.

Prescribed Burn of National Interest Planned for Monday

A prescribed burn that has national research and media attention will be conducted at the Nenana Ridge research site Monday, weather permitting. The site is 30 miles southwest of Fairbanks in a typical interior Alaska black spruce stand.

The burn will support research that could help Alaskans better protect their homes from wildland fire. The Nenana Ridge project responds to Federal, State, and Native landowners' requests for research to determine how fire behaves in relation to fuel treatments.

Firefighters from the Division of Forestry and Alaska Fire Service will conduct the prescribed burn. Smoke plumes will likely be visible from the Parks Highway and communities of Healy, Clear, Anderson, and Nenana. The smoke is not expected to impact populated areas. Smoke may be visible for several days. A Temporary Flight Restriction will be in place during the burn and pilots are asked to check the NOTAMS for information.

If burning does not occur Monday, due to precipitation, winds, or some other natural factor, the project will be postponed until weather conditions are favorable. For more information, see the full news release:

<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/news/flash/Nenana%20Ridge%20Prescribed%20Burn%20Plan%20for%20Monday,%20June%202015.pdf>

Fire Update

Three new fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center Thursday. One small, human-caused fire that is out and two lightning caused fires, one which received a response from Canadian firefighters.

The one-acre Beaver Creek Fire (previously called Mirror Creek Fire) started on Tetlin Wildlife Refuge lands in the Mirror Creek drainage. Structures within the drainage are within the Yukon's eight mile response zone for the protection of the community of Beaver Creek. Due to cooperative agreements with the Alaska Division of Forestry, the Canadians were able to immediately respond to it with a helicopter and three person crew. In consultation between fire officials in the Division of Forestry, Tok Area, and Yukon Fire, it was decided that Yukon will manage the fire and Alaska Forestry will support them. So far, no Alaskan assistance has been required.

Six fires are staffed statewide. For information about each individual fire, please visit: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf> So far this year, 228 fires have burned 175,799 acres statewide. For a map of fires that are burning in Alaska, please visit: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php> Note: The map will take some time to load if you

have a slow connection.

Smoke

Several lightning-caused fires are burning around the state of Alaska in the south, west, and eastern portions. Generally warm, dry conditions have allowed these fires to grow such that they will be burning into the summer. Smoky conditions will occur throughout the summer.

For information about how you can protect yourself, please visit:

<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>

Burn Suspension

For information about permitted burning, please contact your local Division of Forestry Office.

Prepare for Fire!

Fire is inevitable in Alaska's boreal forest and fires may grow quickly, depending on conditions. Human-caused fires are more likely to start in populated areas, which increase the risk to people and their property. It is crucial that individual home and property owners take the steps to ready themselves for wildland fire now; during the state of emergency there is no time. For guidance on how to prepare, please visit:

<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/admin/awfcg/D.%20Brochures%20and%20Educational%20Materials/Firewise%20Alaska.pdf>

Additional References

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/>
 - Map of Current Fires: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
 - Situation Report: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>
 - National Fire Situation: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>
 - Guide to Wildland Fire Suppression in AK:
<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/news/flash/Media%20Guide%20to%20AK%20Wildland%20Fire%20Suppression.pdf>
- Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group- Education and Reference Materials: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/administration/awfcg.php>
- Creating Defensible Space: <http://firewise.org/> and <http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/06Firewise.pdf>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov/>
- Alaska Division of Forestry (Burn Permit Info): <http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn/>
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- National Parks Service: <http://www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm>
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: <http://www.fws.gov/fire/>
- USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/>
- Anchorage Fire Department: www.muni.org/fire
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc/>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov/>

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